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RAMP REOPENS AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 31 INTERCHANGE PROJECT ON THE JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL TOLLWAY (I-90)

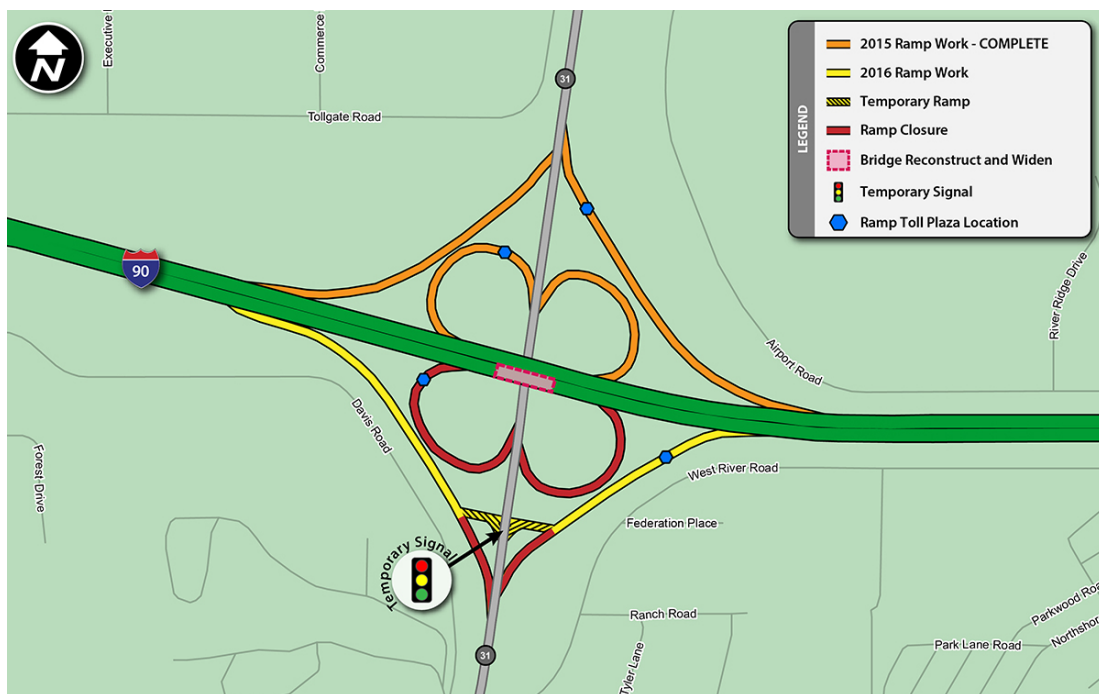
*Additional ramp closures and traffic shifts scheduled to begin in April
to complete reconstruction of the interchange in Elgin*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The ramp carrying traffic from the westbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) to southbound Illinois Route 31 in Elgin reopened to traffic today, March 28. With construction completed on the ramps on the north side of I-90, work will begin on the south half of the interchange, including additional ramp closures scheduled to begin in mid-April.

The \$19 million Illinois Route 31 Interchange Project is reconstructing the I-90 bridges over Illinois Route 31, as well as the eight ramps that make up the interchange, and includes improvements to the ramp toll plazas. All work is scheduled to be complete in 2016.

Work is scheduled to continue this week with the relocation of the temporary traffic signal on Illinois Route 31. The signal will be moved to a new location south of I-90 and used to direct traffic at the interchange while ramps are closed for reconstruction.

Once the traffic signal is in place, in mid-April both the ramp carrying traffic from southbound Illinois Route 31 to eastbound I-90 and the ramp carrying traffic from eastbound I-90 to northbound Illinois Route 31 will be closed for reconstruction. While the ramps are being rebuilt, traffic will be rerouted within the interchange to provide continued access throughout construction.



In addition, traffic shifts will be put in place on ramps carrying traffic from eastbound I-90 to southbound Illinois Route 31 and from northbound Illinois Route 31 to eastbound I-90. Traffic will be shifted onto temporary pavement for construction and will remain open to traffic.

Electronic message signs and directional signs will be put in place to alert drivers in advance of the closures and new traffic routes.

Lane closures on Illinois Route 31 between Davis Road and Airport Road will be scheduled daily between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. One lane will remain open in both directions at all times.

All bridges and ramp movements at the Illinois Route 31 Interchange will remain open to traffic throughout the project.

The Illinois Route 31 Interchange Project is being coordinated with Kane County, the city of Elgin and the Illinois Department of Transportation, along with local police and fire departments. Up to 21,000 vehicles use the existing interchange daily.

Illinois Route 31 Interchange Project

The Illinois Route 31 Interchange Project includes reconstruction of the bridges carrying I-90 over Illinois Route 31 and eight interchange ramps to accommodate the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project and to improve traffic flow. The Illinois Route 31 Bridge and ramps were constructed as part of the original Tollway system in the 1950s.

The \$19 million Illinois Route 31 Interchange Project is funded by the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Construction information about the Illinois Route 31 Interchange Project is available in the "Projects by Roadway" section in the Construction/Planning section on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com.

Work Zone Safety

A 45 mph work zone speed limit is in effect on both Illinois Route 31 and on I-90. Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375. Posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

Getting Tollway Construction Information

The Illinois Tollway has a variety of ways customers can get the latest travel information, including:

- www.illinoistollway.com – Construction/Planning section, Tollway Trip Calculator, live roadway images and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI – Daily lane closure information
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- www.twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the

existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for emerging projects.

About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 286 miles of interstate tollways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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